GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3040
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REPAIRING OF NERAL-MATHERAN RAILWAY LINE
Patil Shri Balasaheb Vikhe

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Neral-Matheran railway line was extensively damaged due to heavy rains;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and f

(c) the steps taken to repair the said line and the time by which the repair work is expected to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NARANBHAIJ. RATHWA)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. There has been heavy damage to Neral-Matheran Railway line due to heavy rains, boulder falling and landslides. The damage is in the form of ballast washouts, embankment erosion, damage to track at 15 locations & complete washout of 9 Railway Bridges in this section.

(c): Heavy damages to the line are planned to be attended through contractual agency for which action has been initiated. However, a few locations between Aman Lodge and Matheran have been attended departmentally. The restoration work is expected to be completed by April, 2007.